

Date: 25/10/2018
To: Students' Union Council
Re: VP(X) 2018/19 Report

Dear Council,

Happy spooky season! Hopefully the tuition announcement coming soon won't be scary for students! Meanwhile, things are getting busy as we near the 6-month mark of this executive term... (*cries*)

1. Updates

- **CAUS tuition campaign:** UASU collected over 200 letters and messages from students to add to the 1500 total letters from students across Alberta to Minister Marlin Schmidt calling for the release of the tuition review and predictable, affordable tuition in Alberta for domestic **and** international students. EAA Nelson and I attended the CAUS press conference at the Legislature where numerous media outlets were present, and Minister Schmidt even came out to collect the letters himself.
- **Tuition announcement:** On October 24th, Minister Schmidt announced that on Monday, October 29th the government will announce the results of the tuition review in the Legislature, followed by an announcement and reception in the Federal Building at 3pm. Students are invited to attend the reception. President Larsen, EAA Nelson and I will be attending Question Period, and the entire executive will attend the announcement and reception. I will update in my oral report what the review entails and my thoughts on how it will affect students.
- **Job shadowing:** Interested in learning about municipal, provincial and federal student advocacy? Looking to run in a future SU election? You can come do job shadowing with me! Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/O94amnQblvx38Qlf1>
- **Party conventions:** President Larsen, EAA Nelson and I attended the Alberta Party AGM and Policy Conference on October 19 & 20 at the EXPO Centre. The Party passed a post-secondary policy that is very similar to CAUS advocacy asks, such as cap regulation on international and domestic tuition and continuation of mental health funding supports. I will include the results of the NDP convention in my oral report, as it will occur after I have submitted this report.
- **Francophone banquet:** On October 19th I attended the Banquet annuel du congrès de la francophonie albertaine at the Westin Hotel on behalf of the SU along with members of AUFSJ. The 200 person dinner was a who's-who of Alberta's francophone community and I was honoured to be introduced along with MPs and MLAs as SU VP External and CASA Chair.
- **ARRC-VP External advocacy meeting:** On October 25th I met with members of ARRC to discuss better ways I, as well as the position of VP External, and CASA can better engage and advocate on Indigenous students issues. It was a very productive

discussion and I hope to expand these talks to include other Indigenous students on campus. It is important that the VP External understand how to advocate on Indigenous issues and ensure that the voice of Indigenous students is included and supported.

2. Coming up

- **CAUS Advocacy Days:** CAUS will be engaging in meetings with various MLAs and Ministers from November 6-8 on our asks for this year.

3. Things to Note & Office hours

- **PFCNO:** On a personal note, I will be attending my second *Parlement Franco-Canadien du Nord et de l'Ouest* at the Alberta Legislature from November 9-11. This is a mock parliament done entirely in French and has representatives from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Yukon and the Northwest Territories participating.
- **Office hours:** My next office hours will be from 3-4pm on Thursday, November 8 in RATT. Drop by!

I hope you all have an incredible Halloween! I will also note that the season of remembrance has also come, so I would encourage everyone to begin wearing poppies to remember those who have fought for our great country.

Kind regards,



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